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1. Between 2 April and 29 May 1951, an infantry regiment   was located at Camp Lokut (P 48/D 69). The regiment, which conducted short term training for recruits and reservists was subordinate to a division headquarters at Veszprem (P 48/D 78). Messengers of the regiment were repeatedly dispatched to the division headquarters. Junior Lieutenant Sándor Petrovics, a platoon leader in the AA machine gun company of the 2d Bn, stated that several camps for personnel receiving short term training were subordinate to the division headquarters. \*

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3. Camp Lokut was situated in a wooded area 3 or 4 km west-northwest of Lokut. The infantry regiment lived in tents on the southeastern edge of this wooded area. In April 1951, the regiment detached construction details for the establishment of another summer camp on the northwestern edge of the same wooded area near the small village of Pénzeskut (P 48/D 59).   that the division headquarters from Veszprem was quartered in the new camp.

4. This infantry regiment consisted of a headquarters, three battalions and an NCO school. The 1st Bn consisted of a headquarters; a light mortar company of about 150 M equipped with about 20 mortars; an AA machine gun company of about the same strength organized into three platoons of four sections, each equipped with two AA machine guns; and an AT company with four AT guns of about 50 mm. The 2d Bn consisted of a headquarters; one AA machine gun company and two rifle companies, three platoons to each company and three rifle squads and one machine gun section to each platoon. Each squad had 10 or 11 M. The 3d Bn was organized into a headquarters and three rifle companies. The NCO school of the regiment had separate quarters within the camp and had about 350 men. The trainees were infantrymen, artillerymen and signal troops. It was not known whether members of other units were also detached to this school. \*\*

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6. The soldiers belonging to the regiment wore green service color; the service color of the AA machine gun companies was red and white; that of the motor vehicle drivers, brown; and that of the soldiers belonging to the supply service, crimson. \*\*\*
7. About half of the [ ] were recruits of the 1927 and 1928 classes. The others were reservists of the 1919 through 1924 classes who received refresher training. Most of the soldiers were opposed to the Communist regime. Insufficient rations and wanton treatment by superiors resulted in increased discontent. It was repeatedly observed that the reservists had a more professional knowledge than the regular officers who appeared less competent.
8. The soldiers of the regiment believed that the principal purpose of the training at the camp was to give the inductees the necessary basic training and a superficial knowledge in the handling of weapons.

\* [ ] Comment. The information confirms the headquarters of an infantry division in Veszprém. [ ] The short period of training for recruits and reservists of the former Hungarian Army indicates that all those fit for military service under the provisions of the military service law have to undergo a period of basic training with Soviet weapons used by the new Hungarian Army.

\*\* [ ] Comment. The organization of the infantry regiment at Camp Lokut is believed to conform to training demands rather than the accepted table of organization.

\*\*\* [ ] Comment. The information on service colors fails to confirm whether the individual branches of service within a unit are distinguished by the respective colors or insignia. All previous reports seem to conflict on this point.

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